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| 1. | four or five camouflaged landing ships were observed near the beach about 30 miles from Sulina, in the direction of Braila. | 25X1 |
| 2. | The passenger ship, [redacted] arrived in Constanta during the period [redacted] aboard were 10 Arabs, one of them a high official of the Orthodox Church. The visitors were received with full honors; bands, flowers, etc. Dances and various theatrical showings were organized. After a stay of 10 days, the ship, with the 10 Arabs aboard, departed for Beirut. | 25X1
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| 3. | [redacted] 250 participants for the Warsaw festival arrived in Constanta from Iasi and Beirut aboard [redacted] The 250 individuals were not given permission to move freely in the city, but were moved to Bucharest and then to Warsaw. | 25X1
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| 4. | [redacted] maneuvers were held by naval units, antiaircraft and coastal defenses in the vicinity of Constanta. The following incidents were noted in connection with the maneuvers: | 25X1 |
| a. | [redacted] the following Soviet corvettes were observed near Constanta: [redacted] The corvettes carried a gun both fore and aft. | 25X1
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| b. | [redacted] six Soviet warships were observed in maneuvers near Constanta. | 25X1 |
| c. | [redacted] antiaircraft fire (heavy guns) could be heard. It is estimated that these guns were located east of the port of Constanta. | 25X1 |
| d. | [redacted] the following ships were in the port of Constanta: one Soviet landing craft, [redacted] [redacted] and one fleet auxiliary. In the navy yard, the following ships were observed: [redacted] One Soviet | 25X1
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patrol boat was fueling from dock No. 3. During the same day one Soviet landing craft and one tugboat entered the port. The landing craft was painted dark yellow with black spots and carried guns fore, aft, and in the middle. [redacted] three searchlights were being operated in the area of Tula and Shamples. At the same time, there was practice-firing by antiaircraft guns using tracers.

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- e. [redacted] there was a parachute drop of troops near Muraltar. At 1700 hours, a two-engine transport plane dropped parachutists from a height of 600 to 700 meters. The drops continued until 2000 hours.

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- f. [redacted] three coastal guns, located on a hill one mile south of Constanta, were practice-firing against a target pulled by a tugboat of the Navy. On the same day, coastal guns located $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Constanta were practice-firing against targets located $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 miles away.

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5. During the night [redacted] there was considerable movement of Soviet troops and vehicles in the port of Braila. Along the Danube River, seven Soviet caiques and four Soviet tugboats were observed. In the city itself, there was a considerable shortage of food.

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6. [redacted] a number of celebrations took place in Constanta. Many government representatives were present and the captains of all ships in port were invited to attend the festivities. The entire city was decorated with flags.

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7. [redacted] with the exception of three small patrol boats, no warships were seen in Constanta harbor. [redacted] two Soviet MIG-14's were observed over Constanta.

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8. The Soviet Command in Constanta is located at the Carlton Hotel on Carol Street and the Grand Hotel on Volivardi Ferdine Street. A Soviet military service is located at 15 I.V. Stalin Avenue in Constanta. At the entrance to the building a Soviet guard is located who checks the identification cards or passes of all those entering the building.

9. Many military services are located at Strada Mircea Col. Mare in Constanta. Warning signs forbid the passing of pedestrians in front of the buildings. On the same street many Soviet cars were parked. [redacted] Considerable traffic of military cars was noticed on Karl Marx Street in Constanta. Many buildings on this street have wireless antennae installed on the roofs.

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10. The lake located near the Gulf of Mangalia, 22 miles south of Constanta, has been connected with the sea by a canal. The canal was constructed in order to use the lake as a submarine base. Submarine pens will be constructed for the concealment of submarines. At present a number of high speed torpedo boats are located in the lake.

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